

**TIJUANA RIVER NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 1pm  
301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach CA, 91932  
Meeting held virtually via the *Google Meet* platform  
**ADOPTED meeting minutes**

**Advisory Council Members**

Present: at this meeting in **BOLD PRINT**

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Sarah Koppel, US Naval Base Coronado

Emma Reese, TRVEA

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Doug George, NOAA (*evaluation team member*)

Jeffrey Carter, Rookey Bay NERR (*evaluation team member*)

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**1. 1:04 Meeting was called to order**

**2. AGENDA** – agenda was adopted.

**3. LAST MEETING MINUTES** – meeting minutes were adopted with one correction, Brianna Menke is listed as City Transportation Department, update to Stormwater Department.

**4. Member Comments**

Gina Moran – California State Parks – District Superintendent

- a. Access for All update: The State of California's budget was passed on time so there is now expanded funding which will provide additional day use passes for the libraries to loan out to the public.

*Jill Terp for Andy Yuen* – USFWS – SDNWRC Project Leader

- a. No updates.

Sam Jenniches – State Coastal Conservancy – Project Manager

- a. No updates.

Sarah Koppel *for Anna Shepherd* – US Naval Base Coronado – Environmental Program Director

- a. No updates.

Chris Helmer – City of Imperial Beach – Environmental and Natural Resources Director

- a. Update: The Tijuana River Valley Sediment Management plan has a draft report prepared and at the beginning of next month they will be reaching out to the stakeholders to move the document along so it can be finalized by the end of the year.

Andrew Funk – City of San Diego – Stormwater Department

- a. The City of San Diego is working with the County of San Diego and the City of Imperial Beach on the Tijuana River Valley WQIP update which is underway through January 2023. Currently there is a water quality data request to the public that ends on August 11, 2022. Contact Andrew Funk or Chris Helmer to submit water quality data.

Doug Liden – USEPA – Environmental Engineer

- a. There were public meetings last week for the NEPA USMCA \$300 million plus project. Comments for the Environmental Impact Statement will be accepted through August 1, 2022, and there is a comment link in the chat (<https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-water-infrastructure/tijuana-river-watershed-nepa-implementation>).

Ashley Reineman – California Coastal Commission – Federal Programs Manager

- a. The California Coastal Commission is working with NOAA and all three of the NERRs on additional relationship building through real connections between the full California Coastal Zone Management program and the NERRs up and down the state.
- b. The San Diego district staff will be visiting TRNERR to connect with the environment and to meet the staff and talk about projects.
- c. The California Coastal Commission is working in concert with the BCDC, the State Coastal Conservancy and the three NERRs staff to identify synergies and trainings that are offered to evaluate trainings that could benefit all three agencies.

Justin De la Torre – USBP – Border Patrol Agent in Charge

- a. Considering Amber Craig retiring, Border Patrol will do their best to continue having representation on the advisory committee.
- b. With the warmer water there is an increase of human efforts that land in the estuary or are dropped off from jet skis. They often come to shore at the river mouth and on

the beach south of Seacoast. The Border Patrol personnel do their best to keep that activity out of sensitive habitat.

- c. Soon there will be an infrastructure improvement project starting at Border Field State Park which will replace a barrier that has rusted out and has become a hazard. There is not yet a firm date for the start of the construction and the project is still in the design phase.

Mike McCoy – SWIA – President

- a. Forty-one years ago, this week was the public hearing to establish the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve and January 2023 will be the 40-year anniversary of the first Advisory Council Meeting.

Morgan Rogers – USIBWC – Area Operations Manager

- a. There have been no flows across the border or down the river since the rain in April.
- b. Mr. Rogers will be meeting with Val Gardner with Tuffboom regarding trash booms for some areas in the river valley and he will be sharing notes with Chris Peregrin. Goat Canyon Sediment Basin trash booms are a Tuffboom product.

**5. Program Manager Reports** – Refer to *written program manager reports*

- a. <https://trnerr.org/about/advisory-council/>

**6. New Business**

- a. Michael Migliori, Lead Evaluator, Office for Coastal Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, facilitated the Public Meeting for the Federal Performance Evaluation of TRNERR.

Written comments may also be submitted by Friday, August 5, 2022, to

[Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov](mailto:Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov). For more information go to

<https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/>.

**7. Adjourned at 1:56pm**

The meeting was adjourned.

**8. TRNERR MEETINGS for Advisory Council – Virtually @1pm**

Future TRNERR Advisory Council dates:

- Tuesday, November 1, 2022